

## **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for protected messaging. The method comprises providing a first interface to a protected storage medium to enable a pre-operating system software program access to the protected storage medium.

- 5 Similarly the method also comprises providing a second interface to the protected storage medium to enable an operating system present software program access to the protected storage medium. In one embodiment, the method comprises enabling a pre-operating system software program to pass information to and receive information from an operating system present
- 10 software program or another pre-operating system software program by accessing a protected storage medium via the first interface. In another embodiment, the method comprises enabling an operating system present software program to pass information to and receive information from a pre-operating system software program or another operating system present
- 15 software program by accessing the protected storage medium via the second interface. The method may be implemented on any personal computing device.